

### *Calls for more fiscally responsible spending in these tough economic times*

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler released the following statement after voting against the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Spending bill today. The nearly \$450 billion funding bill is 12 percent higher than the total spending of the six appropriations bills compiled into the package. Congressman Adler was the only New Jersey Democrat to vote against the bill.

"These are tough economic times for our country. The government cannot continue to spend money it does not have," Congressman Adler said. "New Jersey families want commonsense spending policies. We need to direct our attention to important priorities, like tax relief for middle class households or reducing our national debt."

Congressman Adler is determined to cut excessive government spending. This year's Omnibus includes substantial increases in almost every spending area over the 2009 passed levels, including an 11 percent increase on Commerce-Justice-Science, and 20 percent on transportation. Throughout the year, Congressman Adler repeatedly voted to cut spending from individual appropriations bills, and expressed frustration today that the Omnibus did not scale back unnecessary spending.